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Remarks

The Office Action dated December 12, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-161 are currently pending. Claims 1-161 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Applicants and the undersigned wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies he extended during telephone interviews that occurred on January 23, 2007 and February 26, 2007. During the interviews, the Restriction Requirement set forth in the December 12, 2006 Office Action was discussed. Further, during the February 26, 2007 interview an amendment to the specification was suggested. The Examiner has agreed to enter the amendment and has indicated that the amendment will have no bearing on the next Office Action. Accordingly, the amendment to the specification is submitted herewith. The following remarks are made in response to the Examiner Interviews.

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application of the Group I. Claims 1-6, 36-49, 95-100, and 130-135, drawn to generating a database or data structure, are in the elected Group.

The requirement for election is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims clearly are related, a thorough search and examination of any claim group (it is believed) would be relevant to the examination of the other group, and requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 USC. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

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